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QUOTE. C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 2918

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SUBJECT: SECDEF RICHARDSON' S VISIT ANKARA

REFS: ANKARA 2914

1. DURING MY FAREWELL CALL APRIL 14 ON FOREIGN MINISTER
HALUK BAYULKEN (SEPTTEL), FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD ME THAT
TURKISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAD DELIVERED INVITATION TO
SECRETARY RICHARDSON FROM TURKSIH MINISTER DEFENSE TO
STAY ON IN TURKEY FOR TWO DAYS OR SO AFTER NPG. MINDEF
AND TGS WISHED " BRIEF HIM AND SHOW HIM THINGS." WHAT HE HAD
IN MIND ALSO INCLUDED A VISIT OR TWO TO TURKISH MILITARY
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2. BAYULKEN ALSO INDICATED STRONG PERSONAL INTEREST IN VISIT, EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO ATTEND COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEETING MAY 14-15 AND HOPE THAT SECRETARY RICHARDSON WOULD STILL BE HERE WHEN HE RETURNED.

3. AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED (ANKARA 1873), I BELIEVE IT IS TIME WE AND TURKS BEGAN UPDATE AND IMPROVE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF SECURITY RELATIONSHIP AND I AM VERY HAPPY SECRETARY RICHARDSON PREPARED HELP WITH DIALOGUE (STATE 49975). TALKS WITH HIM IN MAY WOULD ALSO GO FAR TO WIPE OUT WHATEVER RESENTMENT TURKS MAY BE FEELING OVER OUR REJECTION THEIR EFFORTS HIGH LEVEL SECURITY MEETING IN WASHINGTON LAST MONTH, I REALIZE THAT SECRETARY RICHARDSON' S SCHEDULE IS TIGHT AND APPLAUD REASONS FOR VISIT INCIRLIK MAY 17 (JCS 625 Y) BUT BELIEVE GREAT DEAL COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY EVEN ONE DAY FACE- TO- FACE DISCUSSIONS TOP LEADERSHIP ANKARA, AND MAYBE ONE VISIT TO A TURKISH SITE CHOSEN BY GOT.

4. I STRONGLY HOPE, THEREFORE, THAT AT MINIMUM SECRETARY WILL BE ABLE SPEND MAY 17 ANKARA, IF NECESSARY SCRAPPING INCIRLIK VISIT TO GO DIRECTLY TO GERMANY FROM HERE THAT EVENING. (ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE DEPARTURE ANKARA MORNING MAY 18 WITH ONE- TWO HOUR STOPOVER INCIRLIK EN ROUTE GERMANY WHICH WOULD STILL BRING SECRETARY TO BONN EARLY AFTERNOON THAT DAY.)

5. OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE SIDE OF TALKS WILL FOLLOW.
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